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Re: **EX PARTE** -- *In the Matter of Petition of CenturyLink for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §160('c) from Dominant Carrier and Certain Computer Inquiry Requirements on Enterprise Broadband Services, WC Docket No. 12-60*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 26, CenturyLink's Craig Brown and I, joined by Dan Gordon and Jim Taylor by phone, met with Lisa Gelb, William Dever, Richard Hovey, Travis Litman, Pam Megna, Jenny Prime, and Tim Stelzig, with Melissa Droller Kinkel also participating by phone.

CenturyLink briefly summarized its petition, reviewed the Commission's prior enterprise broadband forbearance rulings, described how the petition readily meets statutory forbearance standards, and discussed the competitive nature of the enterprise broadband market. CenturyLink also described some of the particular services involved, the types of purchasers of these services, and the competitive options available to enterprise broadband customers today. CenturyLink underscored the problems it faces in this competitive market, and the negative impacts on competition and customers, because of the different regulatory treatment of CenturyLink's three legacy operations: CenturyTel, Embarq, and Qwest. The service areas of each legacy company are shown on the attached map.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

John E. Benedict

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